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SUBJECT: JAPANESE INTEREST IN MIDDLE EAST TALKS

1. AT JANUARY 25 LUNCH THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA, HIDEO KITIHARA, WHOM I KNOW WELL FROM OUR DAYS IN SAIGON TOGETHER, TOLD US THAT HE CONDUCTED A NEGOTIATION LASTING 110 SESSIONS WITH VINOGRADOV WHEN LATTER WAS SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN. WE ASKED KITIHARA FOR HIS ASSESSMENT OF THE MAN. KITIHARA SAID VINOGRADOV AS SOVIET DIPLOMATS GO WAS REMARKABLY OPEN AND DIRECT AND APPEARED TO SPEAK HIS MIND. ALTHOUGH VINOGRADOV HAD BEEN IMPATIENT AND TOUGH IN NEGOTIATIONS, HE WAS PRAGMATIC AND NOT POLEMICAL. VINOGRADOV ALSO WAS AFFABLE AND EASY-GOING AND OBVIOUSLY ENJOYED LIFE. I WOULD NOTE THAT THIS ACCOUNT BY KITIHARA IS ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH IMPRESSION VINOGRADOV HAS MADE IN OUR SESSIONS WITH HIM HERE.

2. KITIHARA ASKED TO SEE ME AGAIN JANUARY 29, THIS TIME WITH SET OF QUESTIONS ABOUT UNPUBLISHED COMPONENTS OF EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT AND PROSPECTS FOR MOVEMENT ON SYRIAN AND JORDANIAN ASPECTS. HE GAVE IMPRESSION THAT ABILITY OF U.S. AND USSR TO WORK TOGETHER ON MIDDLE EAST WAS SUBJECT THAT MOST

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